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MUTATION FOR PARKINSON'S
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued October 25, 2002, Applicants elect group I, claims 1-6, 10-11 and 57-61, with traverse. In response to the species restriction, Applicants elect a nucleic acid encoding a mutated alpha synuclein protein (e.g. as recited in claim 3). Claims 1-6, 10-11 and 57-61 read on the elected species.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, please replace the first paragraph with the following:
--As described herein, we have discovered that particular mutations in the alpha synuclein gene are associated with predisposition to Parkinson's disease. Accordingly, the present invention includes an isolated nucleic acid comprising a mutated synuclein gene. In particular, the isolated nucleic acid of the present invention contains at least one mutation in the alpha synuclein gene at base pair position 209 of Genbank # L08850, which, in particular, is a change from guanine to adenine. However, since other mutations in the alpha synuclein